PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For:

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED

FOR SAID METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 20, 2003 to October 20, 2003.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all further required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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